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a. Radio London seems to be entertaining a whole mob of unprincipled Albanians. They behave like starved wolves around a corpse. After seven years of all sorts of torture and privation, the Albanian people are exhausted by the hard labor and life under a brutal and terroristic Communist regime. In the evening, instead of receiving comfort and encouragement from Radio London, their only source of news, they are subjected to torrents of abuse reflecting the jealousy and discord among the Albanians abroad.

b. The discord is among those persons from whom the Albanian people expect help in liberating the country. Is this the proper recompense for a people which still preserve its patriotism undiminished?

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c. This is not the moment for criticism and argument among individuals or parties. It is a time for action! Those who were guilty in the past will be condemned in good time. But now such criticism so greatly damages and demoralizes resistance in the cities and armed resistance in the mountains that if this story drags on there will soon be very little resistance left in Albanian territory.

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d. It is easy to talk and criticize when seated at a desk. On the other hand, it is difficult to work and fight in Albania itself, as the Albanian people have for seven years, suffering the losses of thousands of families who have been put in concentration camps or put to death by torture or the firing squad. In the name of all the armed resistance and of the Nationalist city-dwellers, we ask that an end be put to discord and disagreements, and that each one give a helping hand to the other for the one purpose of liberating the Fatherland!

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